

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6
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EROSION OF BHAGIRATHI HOOGHLY RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of erosion of Bhagirathi-Hooghly river from Guptypara to Uttarpara in district Hooghly in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the long term/short term steps the Government propose to take to contain the erosion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information available from Irrigation and Waterways Directorate, Government of West Bengal, necessary short term measures have already been taken and are being taken as and when required. In respect of long term measures, a group of critical anti erosion schemes for this zone amounting to Rs. 800.27 lakh has been prepared for consideration of Technical Committee to the West Bengal Flood Control Board.